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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshio Kusano *et al.*

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For: FUEL CELL SYSEYEM AND FUEL CELL  
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

Examiner: Stephan J Essex

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 10, 2009 (Paper No. 20090407).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-4 and 7-12 which is drawn to a fuel cell system; and

Group II encompassing claims 5 and 6 drawn to a fuel cell automotive vehicle.

**Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-12 for continued examination, without traverse.**

We assume that the above is fully responsive to the current Office Action. If further issues persist, we invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at the below noted number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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